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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 28, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Honjo (US 5,787,225) in view of Nakajo (US 6,925,042).

[claims 1 & 6]

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In regard to Claims 1 and 6, Honjo discloses a reproducing apparatus for reproducing video information, the apparatus comprising:

- a readout unit configured to read out from a recording medium compressed video and audio data compliant with MPEG format having a structure of sequential video information blocks in a predetermined number of frames (Column 3 Lines 45-60 discloses the readout unit wherein the recording medium compressed video and audio data as further seen Figure 2);
- separation unit configured separate the video data and the audio data from the compressed video and audio data read out by the readout unit;
- an expansion unit configured to respectively expand the video data and the audio data separated by the separation unit (Figure 2 shows the separation of the video and audio so the streams can go to the video decoder circuit 6 and the audio decoder circuit 7 for processing);
- a video output unit configured output the video data expanded by the expansion unit (Figure 3 shows the video decoder circuit wherein the video is prepared for output through output terminal 11);
- a audio output unit configured data expanded by the expansion output the audio an operation unit including a high speed reproduction key (Figure 4 shows the audio decoder wherein the operation unit decides the reproduction speed of the video and audio data as further described in Column 6 Lines 15-35); and
- a control unit configured to control, a case where the high speed reproduction key is operated, the expansion unit order to perform reproduction of the

compressed video and audio data by one frame every several frames corresponding to the n -fold speed and to perform reproduction normal speed or number of frames, alternately (Column 6 Lines 10-35 describes the control unit wherein the reproduction speeds of the video and audio data); however fails to disclose high speed reproduction key for reproducing the compressed video and audio data in n -fold (where $n > 3$) speed.

Nakajo discloses an recording system wherein the reproduction occurs "not less than an eight-fold speed, for example an eight-fold speed, a ten-fold speed and more" as described in Column 2 Lines 55+. The high speed reproduction provides a more efficient and faster reproduction system wherein data transfer can efficiently be processed. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the reproducing apparatus, as disclosed by Honjo, and further incorporate a system that provides an eight-fold speed reproduction for efficient data transferring, as recited by Nakajo.

[claims 2, 7, & 8]

In regard to Claims 2, 7, and 8 Honjo discloses a reproducing apparatus further comprising a setting unit configured to variably set the number of frames to perform the reproduction two-fold speed a predetermined normal speed or in the two-fold speed in the high speed reproduction (Figure 2 shows the high speed reproduction control circuit 8 shows the setting unit and further described in Column 5 Lines 18-67 describes the reproducing apparatus wherein the unit is sets the number of frames to perform the reproduction in various speeds).

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[claims 3 & 5]

In regard to Claims 3 and 5, Honjo discloses a reproducing apparatus wherein the setting unit comprises a setting key arranged in the operation unit (Figure 2 high speed reproduction control circuit shows the input 13 which is used a setting key in the system).

[claim 4]

In regard to Claim 4, Honjo discloses a reproducing apparatus comprising a selection unit configured to alternatively select selection unit configured to reproduce in normal speed two-fold speed for the predetermined number of frames in the high speed reproduction (Column 6 Lines 12-35 describes the selection unit wherein reproduction can be done in various speeds).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ogura (US 5,784,518).


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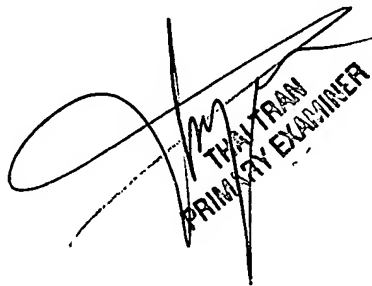
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamie Vent whose telephone number is 571-272-7384.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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